



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: ACE Center/Woodbury University Design Studio

LOCATION: Rio de Los Angeles State Park, Parcel G-1 **COUNTY:** Los Angeles

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The ACE Center/Woodbury University Design Studio is a project meant to activate the underutilized "Bowtie" Parcel G-1 of Rio de Los Angeles State Park and will require a Right of Entry permit for Woodbury University to access the site and construct the project with Woodbury architecture students. The site is not a regular public use area. This exemption from CEQA is for student access to the site only, for the purpose of completion of their studio course work. The studio proposes to design and construct lightweight temporary structures as prototypes on the site that may, upon further review and CEQA approval, eventually be used to support educational and recreational activities. Materials for the structures will include a combination of new and repurposed materials and will be semi-permanent (lumber), permanent (concrete with DIY framework), and impermanent (canvas) to provide shading and sometimes shelter. There will be no ground disturbance associated with the construction of these structures. They will be designed to sit above ground with stability provided by concrete footings. The ACE studio utilizes Universal Design principals in all projects and seeks creative solutions to create both new and retrofitted architectural environments that are fully accessible and embrace peoples of all physical abilities. Location of the structures on-site will be determined during the studio design process and construction drawings will be provided for further review and approval prior to allowing public access and use of the structures.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Angeles

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 5,11 Section(s): 15305,15311

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2.

Project consists of the issuance of a right-of-entry (Class 5)

Project consists of construction or placement of temporary use structures (Class 11)

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